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reference minute) and that he now concurred in the release as recommended by the reference BNE memorandum.

Without further discussion the Board approved the preparation and release of a Top Secret/Restricted Data version, NIE 11-2B-67, [] as proposed in the referenced BNE memorandum.

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Executive Session

9. Discussion of DIA Proposal for Establishment of USIB Committee on Information Handling (USIB-D-39.1/2, 9 May 1967)

In his introduction of this item in executive session beginning at 11:14, [] expressed the desire for a frank discussion of all aspects of [] proposal as circulated in the reference document. He noted that while the present charter had not contemplated all the tasks presently being attempted by CODIB, the committee has done quite well under the circumstances, but is not now constituted to do the total job described in [] memorandum. [] suggested that the terms of reference of a new committee should cover in general the activities mentioned in the DIA memorandum but should also be keyed to a first assignment of an examination of what actually can and should be done on a community basis in the information handling field. He further commented that the community was under pressure to give greatly increased emphasis to the information handling problem and that USIB members must be willing to give this problem increased attention. In addition, a new committee in order to meet its obligations must enjoy full support from the USIB members, and have well-qualified personnel assigned on a full and part-time basis in the numbers required. [] then tabled a new draft DCID which had been prepared for the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) by [] in consultation with [] [] then asked Board members for their views pending subsequent detailed study of the new draft.

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The principal points brought out in the ensuing discussion are summarized below:

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[] stated that he realized that the new draft was more in line with established patterns of a DCID than the draft he had suggested. While such a DCID might normally be adequate as guidance for a committee, he did not feel in this case that it contained enough detail to portray the impressive effort that would be necessary to come to grips with this total problem. He therefore would prefer a more detailed DCID containing more positive and specific instructions to the committee, particularly in such important areas as those related to research and development. Therefore in para. 3.f. of the new draft, he would substitute the wording "To promote interagency cooperation in information handling research and development requirements within the USIB community, and to advise the USIB accordingly". []

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[] further stated that he preferred to have the functions, including those of subcommittees, spelled out in some detail in this one document in order to portray, for all interested, the nature and extent of USIB's effort on the subject.

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[] said he felt the pressure for action as did [] [] He further noted that there were so many people involved in this problem that he was uncertain as to just what the national policy was on the subject. He therefore favored a new committee if for no other reason than to clarify what is being done in all areas affecting the community's activities in this field. He believed however that a committee could not be expected to run information handling activities.

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[] later commented that a lot could be done bilaterally.

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[] observed that there is a long history to this problem and noted that, while the SCIPS report had generated a great deal of interest, the whole area of information handling was still rather "spongy". He said that he had started to make a survey on the subject but he had delayed this effort because of the establishment of the Knox Panel. He now felt however that it would be appropriate that such a survey be undertaken under the authority of the DCI. He therefore agreed that a USIB committee should study this problem and make recommendations to the Board. [] said that he had brought [] into the

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NIPE Staff to study this problem, and that he planned to propose him as chairman of the new committee. With reference to the proposed DCID, [] explained that [] would discuss with USIB members any proposals they had regarding the draft. [] also expressed the view that he was reluctant to see terms of reference for any subcommittee spelled out in the DCID.

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[] Acting CIA Member, taking as a point of departure [] statement about the pressures on the community, said that the most important consideration should be what it is feasible to do on a community basis. He hoped that the new committee could focus on this problem, coming up with a set of recommendations, possibly including alternative proposals. USIB could then decide, on the basis of the committee's study, exactly what should be done.

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[] Acting AEC Representative, noted that both draft DCIDs aim at a community effort; however, there are indications in some areas of a push towards a vast governmental structure in this field which would absorb intelligence functions. He therefore suggested that the community while concerning itself with the security problems inherent in the situation should not forget to look towards utilization of and compatibility with other information handling systems.

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[] Acting FBI Representative, agreed that the DCID was a constructive effort and suggested that the specific needs of counter intelligence be considered during the redrafting.

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In summing up the discussion, [] proposed and the Board agreed on the following actions:

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a. Concurred that there was a need for a new committee on information handling which would supersede the Committee on Documentation.

b. Noted that [] of the NIPE Staff would consult with USIB Members to obtain their views with respect to a proposed DCID to establish such a committee, which could subsequently be submitted for approval by the Board.

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